

## **BIOGRAPHY OF JERRY MORAN**

### **UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM KANSAS**

Raised in Plainville, Kansas, Jerry Moran was taught from an early age the value of a hard day's work, looking after one's neighbors, and serving his community. These same values guide him today as he serves the people of Kansas in the United States Senate.

Moran is a leading advocate in the U.S. Senate for protecting and preserving the special way of life in Kansas. Moran has a long history of opposing reckless spending on Capitol Hill, and forcefully advocates for spending cuts, tougher funding standards and broad reform as a member of the Appropriations Committee. Through his appointment to the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee as well as the Senate Small Business Committee, Moran continues his long-time commitment to strengthening the economy, creating jobs, opening up foreign markets to U.S. exports, and fostering the growth of small businesses.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, one of Moran's top priorities is improving the quality of life for the nearly 250,000 veterans living in Kansas. Through his work on the Special Committee on Aging, Moran works to address the challenges facing all Kansas seniors – including access to health care, the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, and retirement planning.

Prior to his election to the Senate on November 2, 2010, Moran served Kansans in the "Big First" Congressional district for seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as eight years in the Kansas State Senate – spending the last two years as Majority Leader.

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, then-Congressman Moran worked with colleagues to craft legislation that allowed Kansas farms and ranches to remain viable in today's competitive global marketplace. Moran was also an active member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Health.

Since first coming to Capitol Hill in 1997, Moran has made it a priority to stay connected to the people he represents. Despite the distance of nearly 1,400 miles between Washington, D.C., and Hays, Kansas, he returns home each weekend to meet with Kansans. The conversations Moran has with Kansans during his travels around the state greatly impact the work he does in Washington.

Before his election to public office, Moran attended Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and later the University of Kansas, where he completed a degree in economics in 1976. After an early career as a small town banker, Moran received his J.D. from the University of Kansas (KU) School of Law in 1982 and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

While at home in Kansas, Moran volunteers his time at several community organizations. He serves as a trustee of the Eisenhower Foundation, on the board of trustees of the Fort Hays State University Foundation, and on the executive committee of the Coronado Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Jerry and his wife Robba continue to live in Kansas. They have two daughters, Kelsey and Alex. Kelsey is a recent graduate of Kansas State University (KSU) and Alex attends KSU.